Muhammed Bekjanov (m)

Adoption Status: Not Adopted

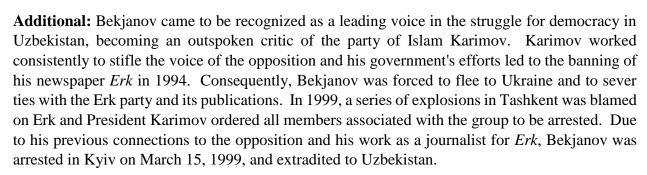
Country: Uzbekistan

Occupation: Prominent Uzbek journalist in the period immediately following the collapse of the Soviet Union

Detained Since: March 15, 1999

Charges: N/A

Sentence: 10 years imprisonment. In January 2012, days before he was due to be released, an Uzbek court handed him an additional five-year prison term on charges of breaking unspecified prison rules.



At his trial five months later, Bekjanov's testimony was procured through pervasive torture during his interrogation. Due to his forced self-incrimination, Bekjanov was convicted of conspiracy related to the Tashkent bombings and was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

In January 2012, days before he was due to be released, an Uzbek court handed him another fiveyear prison term on charges of breaking unspecified prison rules. According to recent news reports, he is being held at a prison in the central Navoi region of Uzbekistan.

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